

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1591

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 21 2015

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 646

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 646, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

G.M. No. 646 ROBERT PARSONS,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Robert Parsons to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Environmental Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Mr. Parsons from the Office of Environmental Quality Control, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Zero Waste Kauai, and six individuals.

Mr. Parsons has significant experience pertaining to the environment, including authoring over one hundred seventy-five articles as a freelance eco-journalist and working as an Environmental Consultant to Food & Water Watch, based in Washington D.C. He is in his ninth year as the Maui County Environmental Coordinator and serves as the county liaison or representative to various conservation and environmental organizations, including The Nature Conservancy, Hawaii Green Growth, Maui Conservation Alliance, Maui Invasive Species Committee, and Maui Nui Marine Resource Council. He holds a

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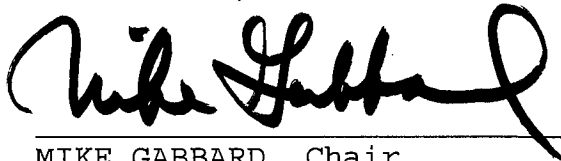


Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a minor in Communications, from Denison University in Ohio.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Parson's community involvement, knowledge, and appreciation for the complexity of natural resource and environmental issues provide him with the expertise necessary to serve on the Environmental Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gabbard", written over a horizontal line.

MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Governor's Message No.:* GM 46	Committee Referral: ENE	Date: April 16, 2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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